

GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Sharon Ringenberg (260-469-4217) if you need further information about your area.



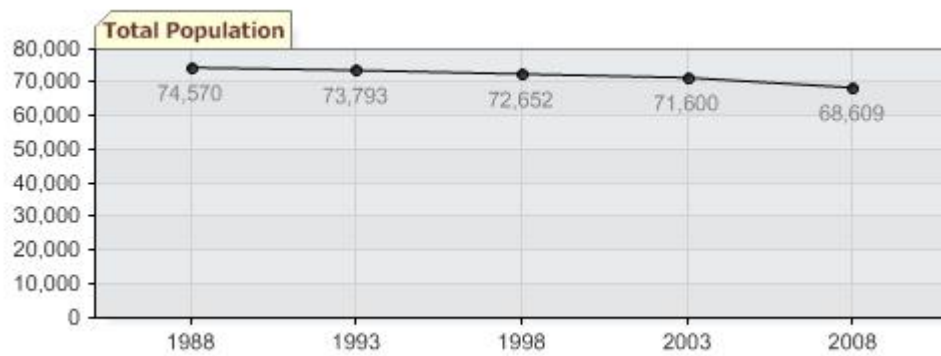
Location

Grant County is located in north east Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Madison County and Delaware County. Blackford County and Wells County are adjacent to Grant County on the east, Huntington County and Wabash County to the north, and Howard County and Miami County to the west. Grant County is one of the eleven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 3.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

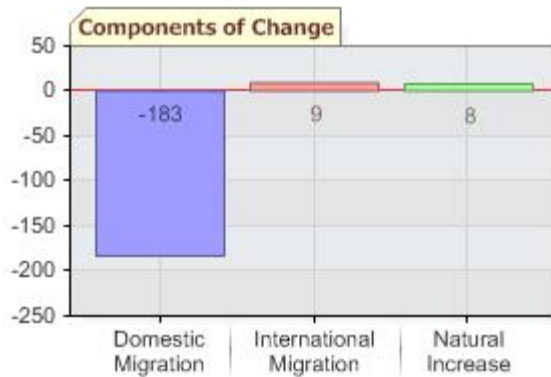
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	74,570	73,793	72,652	71,600	68,609
Change Since 1988		-777	-1,918	-2,970	-5,961
Pct. Change Since 1988		-1.0%	-2.6%	-4.0%	-8.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-183
International Migration	9
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	8
Births	790
Deaths	782



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

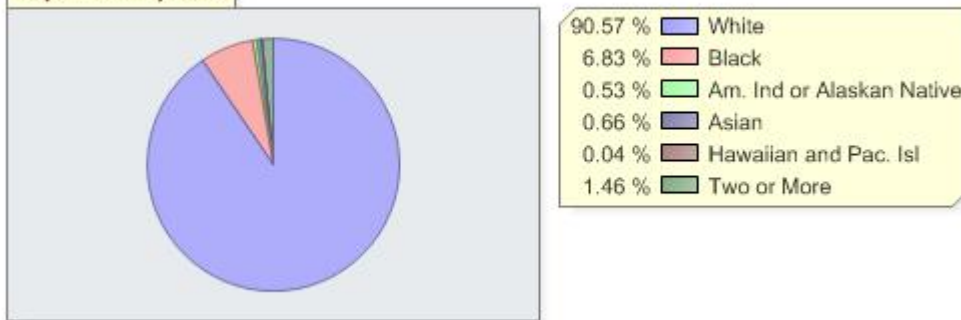
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	3,770	5.5%
School Age	11,109	16.1%
College Age	8,491	12.3%
Young Adult	15,719	22.9%
Older Adult	18,496	26.9%
Older (65 plus)	11,262	16.4%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	367	0.5%
Asian Alone	456	0.7%
Black Alone	4,697	6.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	27	0.0%
White Alone	62,297	90.6%
Two or More Race Groups	1,003	1.5%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	66,974	97.4%
Hispanic or Latino	1,873	2.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

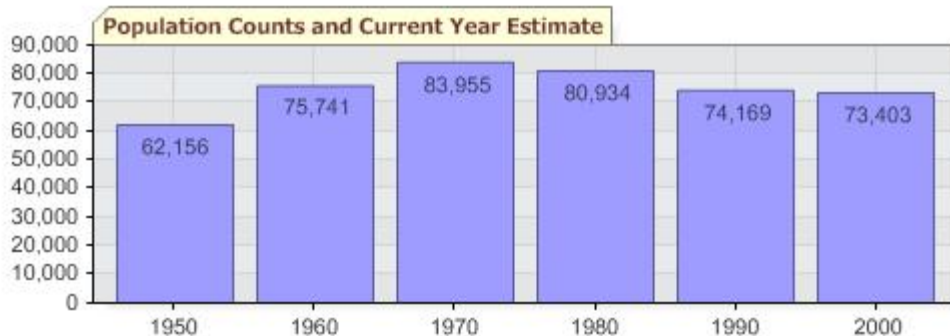
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	28,319	100.0%
Family Households	19,578	69.1%
Married with Children	5,642	19.9%
Married without Children	9,552	33.7%
Single Parents	2,700	9.5%
Other	1,684	5.9%
Non-family Households	8,741	30.9%
Living Alone	7,569	26.7%
Average Household Size	2.59	
Average Family Household Size	3.74	

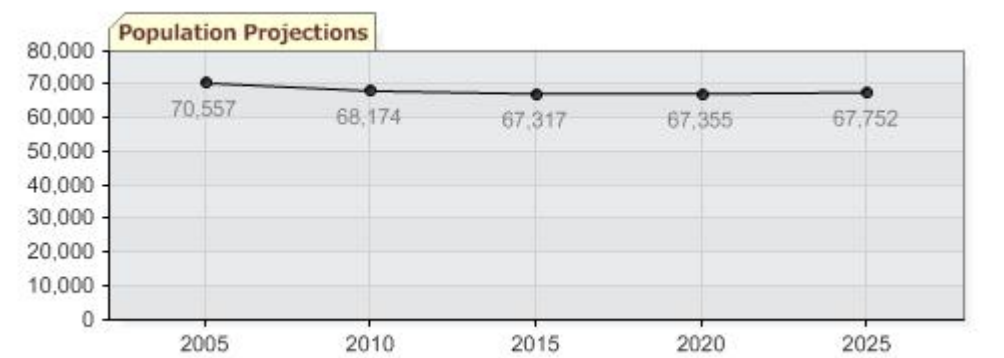
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	62,156	NA	NA
1960	75,741	13,585	21.9%
1970	83,955	8,214	10.8%
1980	80,934	-3,021	-3.6%
1990	74,169	-6,765	-8.4%
April 2000	73,403	-766	-1.0%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



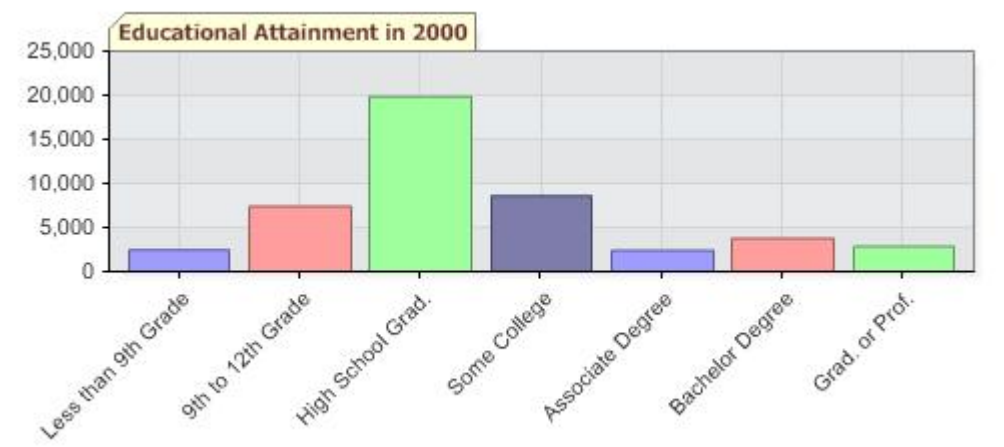
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	70,557	68,174	67,317	67,355	67,752
Change Since 2005		-2,383	-3,240	-3,202	-2,805
Pct. Change Since 2005		-3.4%	-4.6%	-4.5%	-4.0%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

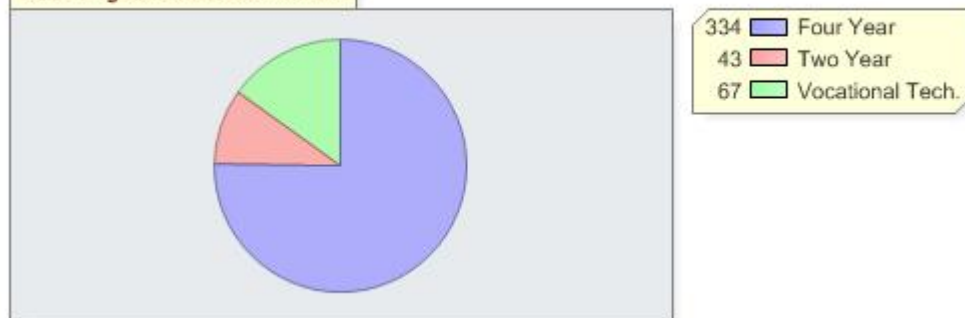
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	44,081	46,199	47,541	47,408
Less than 9th Grade	11,425	7,912	4,011	2,466
9th to 12th, No Diploma	10,327	9,338	9,416	7,405
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	15,843	19,492	19,519	19,858
Some College, No Degree			7,208	8,607
Associate Degree			2,072	2,401
Bachelors Degree			2,707	3,804
Graduate or Professional Degree			2,608	2,867



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	593	587	604	623
Total to Higher Education	463	429	505	444
Four-Year Institution	343	333	358	334
Two-Year Institution	33	47	73	43
Vocational/Tech.	87	49	74	67
Military	21	21	32	30

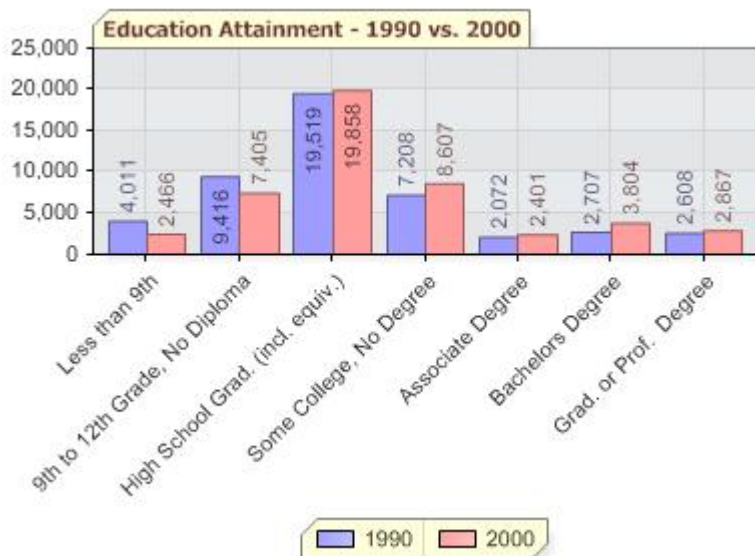
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	47,541	100.0%	47,408	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	4,011	8.4%	2,466	5.2%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	9,416	19.8%	7,405	15.6%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	19,519	41.1%	19,858	41.9%
Some College, No Degree	7,208	15.2%	8,607	18.2%
Associate Degree	2,072	4.4%	2,401	5.1%
Bachelors Degree	2,707	5.7%	3,804	8.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	2,608	5.5%	2,867	6.0%

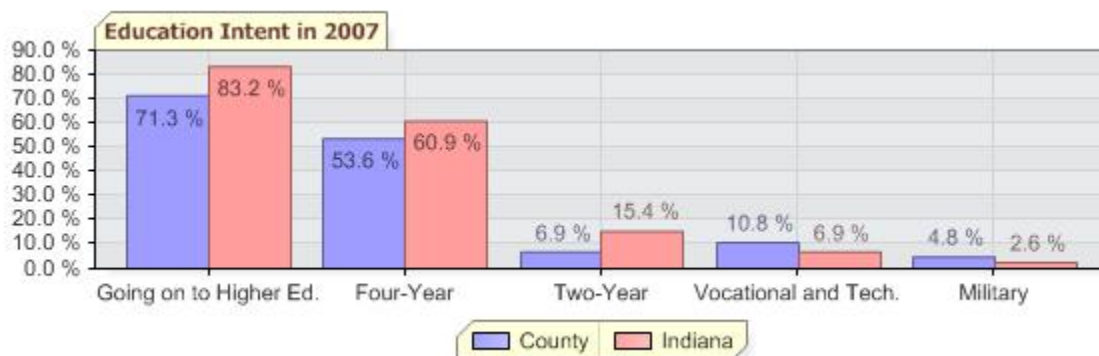


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	71.3%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	53.6%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	6.9%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	10.8%	6.9%
Military	4.8%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

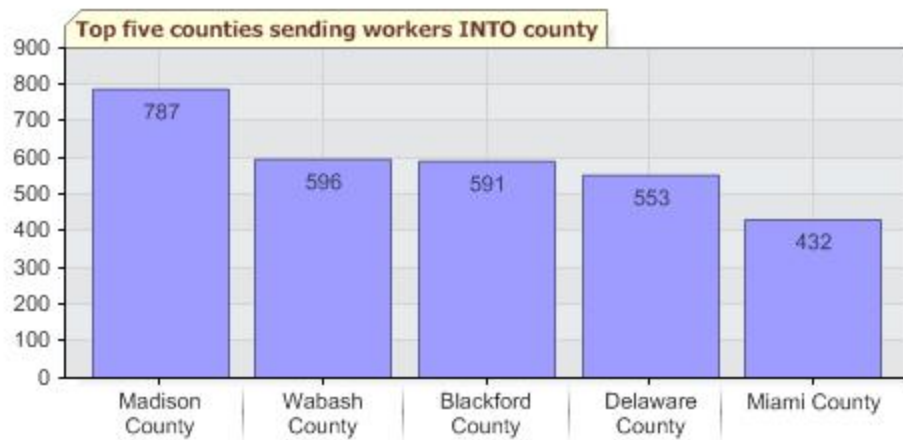
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	44,057
Number of tax filers who work in the county	44,226
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	39,041
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	5,185

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

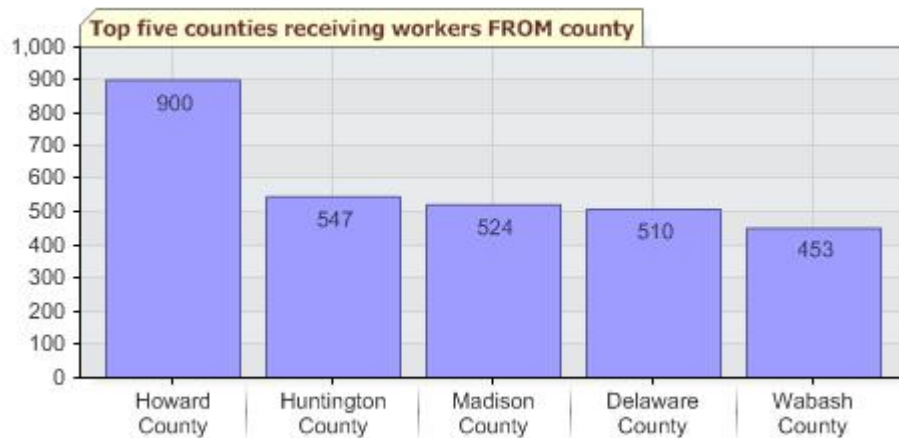
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Madison County	787	26.9%
Wabash County	596	20.4%
Blackford County	591	20.2%
Delaware County	553	18.9%
Miami County	432	14.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Howard County	900	30.7%
Huntington County	547	18.6%
Madison County	524	17.9%
Delaware County	510	17.4%
Wabash County	453	15.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

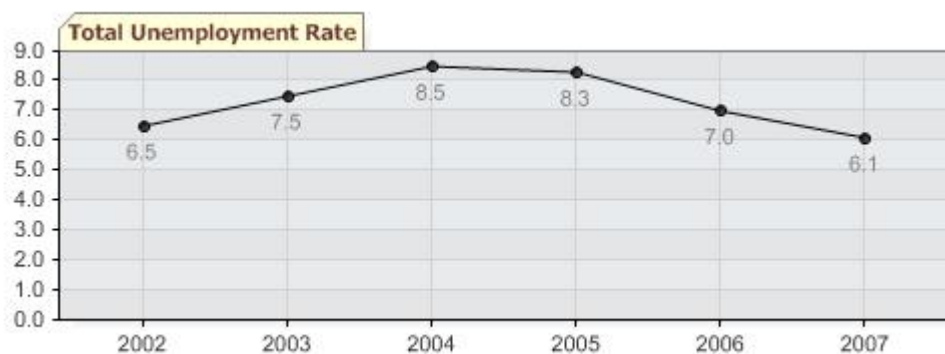
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	32,377	100.0%
Travel To Work	31,417	97.0%
Car, Truck, or Van	29,456	91.0%
Traveled Alone	25,870	79.9%
Carpooled	3,586	11.1%
Used Public Transportation	145	0.4%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	1,816	5.6%
Worked At Home	960	3.0%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	19.5	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	28.0	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

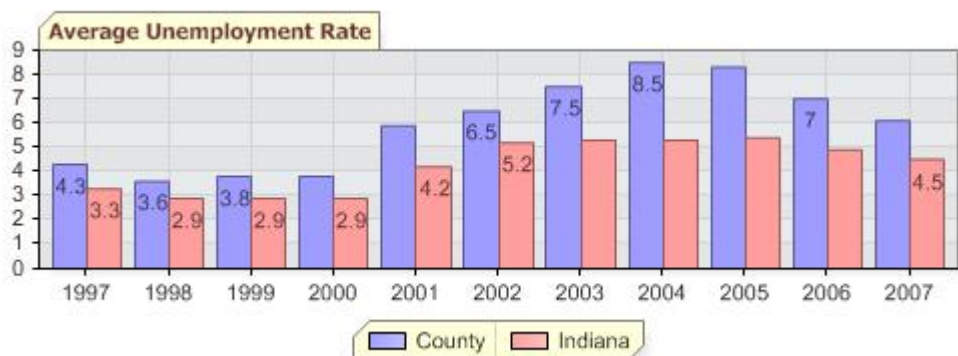
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	31,809	-9.1%
Employed	29,856	-11.3%
Unemployed	1,953	47.1%
Rate	6.1	60.5%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	34,641	33,163	1,478	4.3	3.3
1998	33,691	32,470	1,221	3.6	2.9
1999	33,401	32,141	1,260	3.8	2.9
2000	35,006	33,678	1,328	3.8	2.9
2001	34,957	32,908	2,049	5.9	4.2
2002	34,926	32,656	2,270	6.5	5.2
2003	34,630	32,027	2,603	7.5	5.3
2004	33,691	30,836	2,855	8.5	5.3
2005	33,256	30,498	2,758	8.3	5.4
2006	32,866	30,577	2,289	7.0	4.9
2007	31,809	29,856	1,953	6.1	4.5



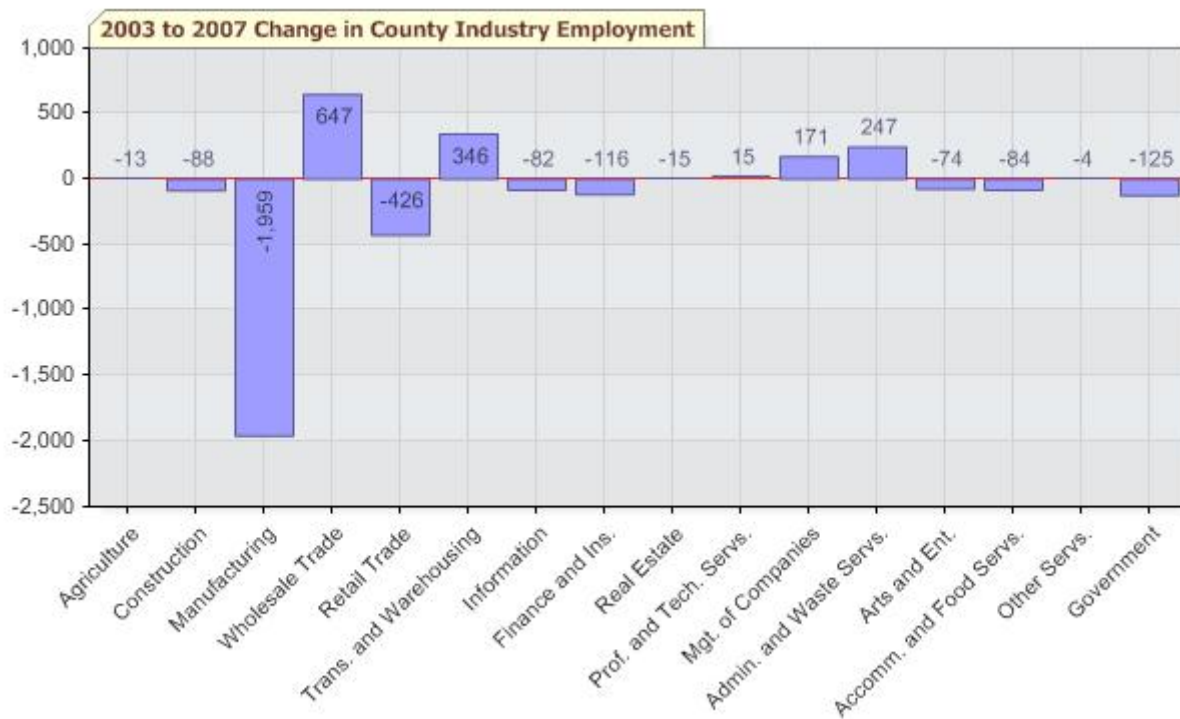
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Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	28,256	27,222	26,814	26,646	26,854	-1,402	-4.96%
Total Private Employment	23,873	22,877	22,545	22,449	22,596	-1,277	-5.35%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	43	33	40	39	30	-13	-30.23%
Mining	D	D	D	89	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	833	805	747	822	745	-88	-10.56%
Manufacturing	6,567	5,902	5,456	5,125	4,608	-1,959	-29.83%
Wholesale Trade	481	505	499	505	1,128	647	134.51%
Retail Trade	3,614	3,600	3,425	3,338	3,188	-426	-11.79%
Transport. and Warehousing	794	773	795	927	1,140	346	43.58%
Utilities	45	46	44	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	409	369	371	347	327	-82	-20.05%
Finance and Insurance	744	677	638	626	628	-116	-15.59%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	209	219	226	225	194	-15	-7.18%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	341	363	349	380	356	15	4.40%
Mgmt. of Companies	49	69	74	77	220	171	348.98%
Admin. and Waste Services	823	911	1,053	998	1,070	247	30.01%
Educational Services	2,192	1,866	2,080	2,374	2,351	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,513	3,519	3,573	3,509	3,511	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	174	196	171	117	100	-74	-42.53%
Accommodation and Food Service	2,155	2,143	2,147	2,137	2,071	-84	-3.90%
Other Services	798	793	770	766	794	-4	-0.50%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	4,383	4,345	4,269	4,197	4,258	-125	-2.85%

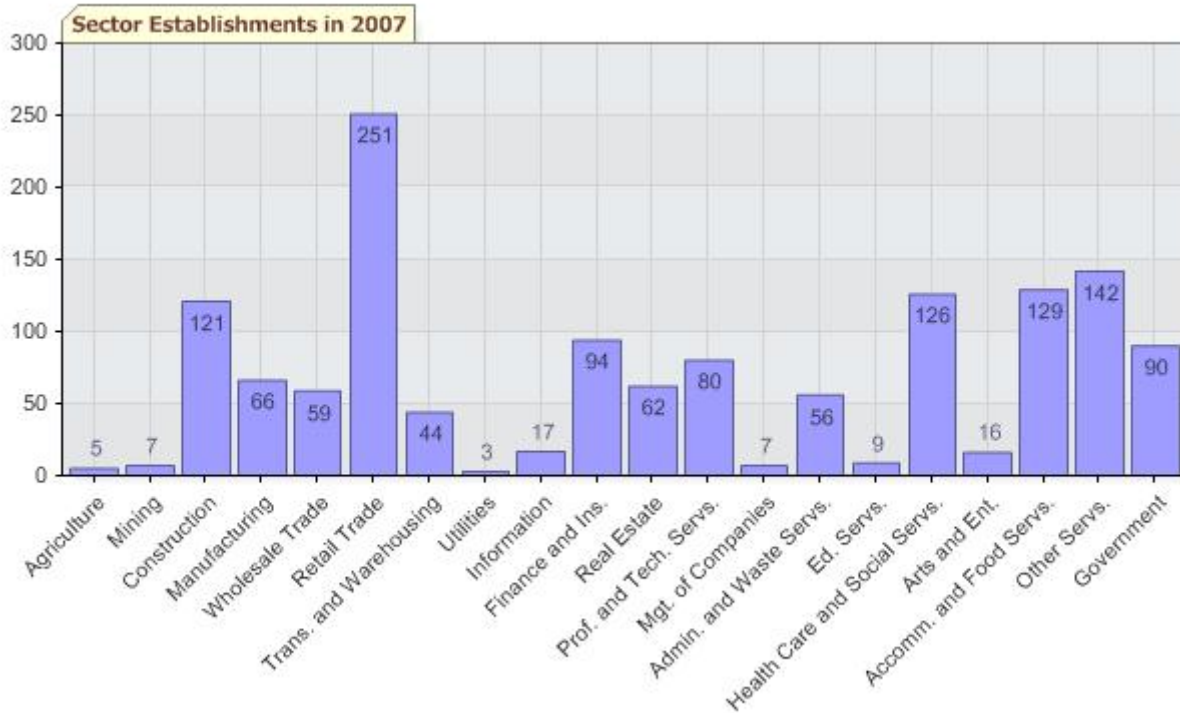


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	1,420	1,416	1,392	1,370	1,382	-38	-2.68%
Total Private Establishments	1,336	1,334	1,310	1,286	1,292	-44	-3.29%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	7	6	6	6	5	-2	-28.57%
Mining	D	D	D	7	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	137	141	127	120	121	-16	-11.68%
Manufacturing	76	73	72	71	66	-10	-13.16%
Wholesale Trade	53	52	49	55	59	6	11.32%
Retail Trade	279	280	270	256	251	-28	-10.04%
Transport. and Warehousing	45	47	47	45	44	-1	-2.22%
Utilities	3	3	3	D	D	0	0.00%
Information	18	19	22	19	17	-1	-5.56%
Finance and Insurance	96	93	95	92	94	-2	-2.08%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	53	52	56	57	62	9	16.98%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	77	77	79	76	80	3	3.90%
Mgmt. of Companies	6	8	6	6	7	1	16.67%
Admin. and Waste Services	54	53	54	56	56	2	3.70%
Educational Services	11	9	8	10	9	-2	-18.18%
Health Care and Social Assistance	120	120	124	123	126	6	5.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	23	22	18	18	16	-7	-30.43%
Accommodation and Food Service	134	136	131	131	129	-5	-3.73%
Other Services	140	141	139	135	142	2	1.43%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	84	82	82	84	90	6	7.14%



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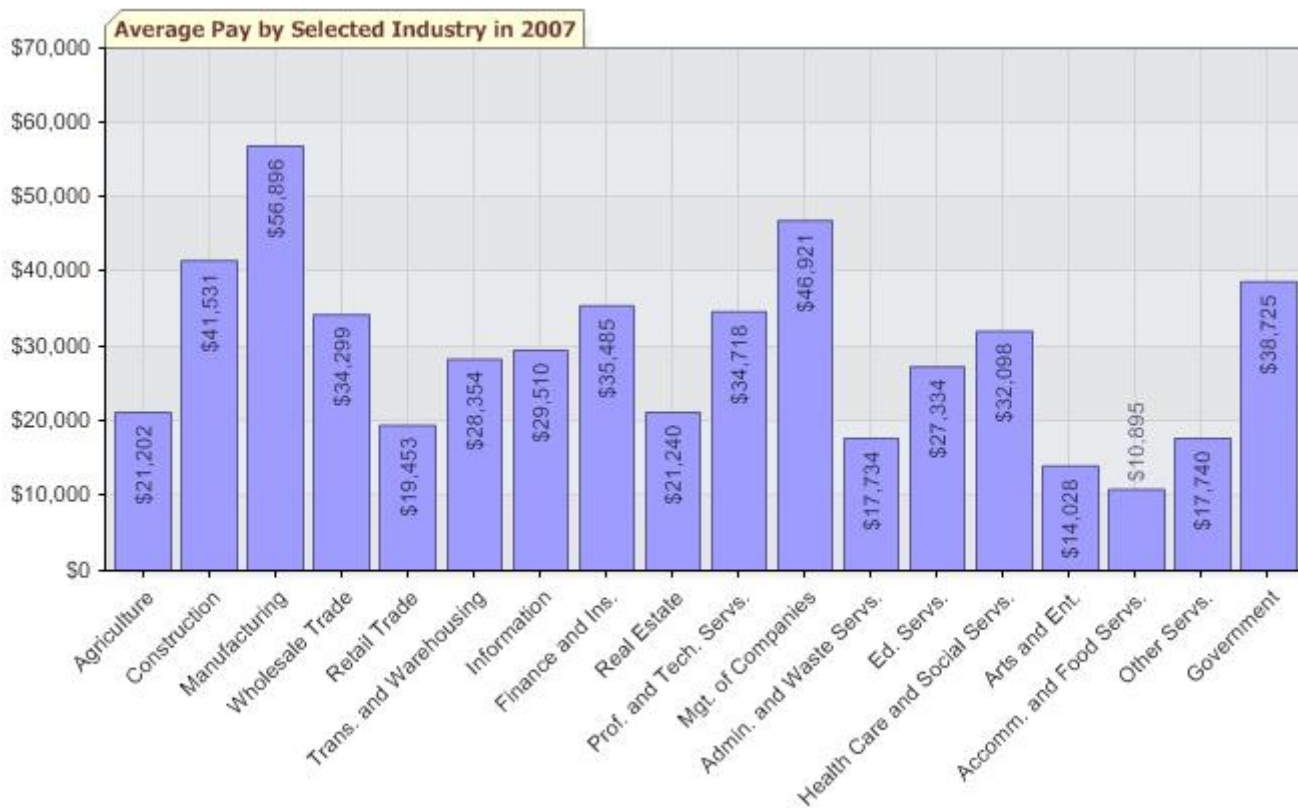
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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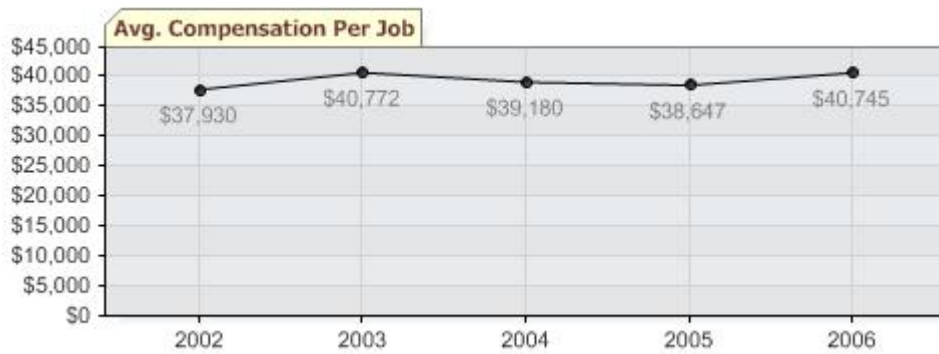
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$31,720	\$33,254	\$1,534	4.8%	\$37,530	88.6%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$15,773	\$21,202	\$5,429	34.4%	\$28,008	75.7%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$33,346	\$41,531	\$8,184	24.5%	\$44,754	92.8%
Manufacturing	\$53,149	\$56,896	\$3,747	7.0%	\$51,148	111.2%
Wholesale Trade	\$33,463	\$34,299	\$837	2.5%	\$51,432	66.7%
Retail Trade	\$18,715	\$19,453	\$738	3.9%	\$22,581	86.1%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$29,488	\$28,354	-\$1,133	-3.8%	\$38,012	74.6%
Utilities	\$60,509	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$26,941	\$29,510	\$2,568	9.5%	\$46,311	63.7%
Finance & Insurance	\$33,620	\$35,485	\$1,865	5.5%	\$52,649	67.4%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$19,863	\$21,240	\$1,376	6.9%	\$32,614	65.1%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$30,722	\$34,718	\$3,996	13.0%	\$51,451	67.5%
Mgt.of Companies	\$46,556	\$46,921	\$365	0.8%	\$72,682	64.6%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$16,474	\$17,734	\$1,260	7.6%	\$24,934	71.1%
Education Svcs.	\$21,956	\$27,334	\$5,378	24.5%	\$31,029	88.1%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$29,850	\$32,098	\$2,248	7.5%	\$37,706	85.1%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$11,015	\$14,028	\$3,013	27.4%	\$29,251	48.0%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$10,253	\$10,895	\$642	6.3%	\$12,442	87.6%
Other Svcs.	\$14,743	\$17,740	\$2,997	20.3%	\$24,862	71.4%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$33,982	\$38,725	\$4,743	14.0%	\$37,054	104.5%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

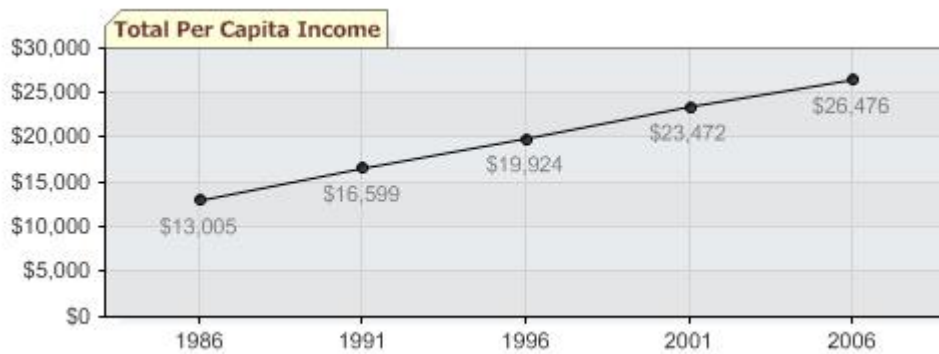
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$37,930	\$40,772	\$39,180	\$38,647	\$40,745
Change Since 2002		\$2,842	\$1,250	\$717	\$2,815
Pct. Change Since 2002		7.5%	3.3%	1.9%	7.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$13,005	\$16,599	\$19,924	\$23,472	\$26,476
Change Since 1986		\$3,594	\$6,919	\$10,467	\$13,471
Pct. Change Since 1986		27.6%	53.2%	80.5%	103.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	\$49,636
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	\$36,143
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$33,250
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	20.8%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

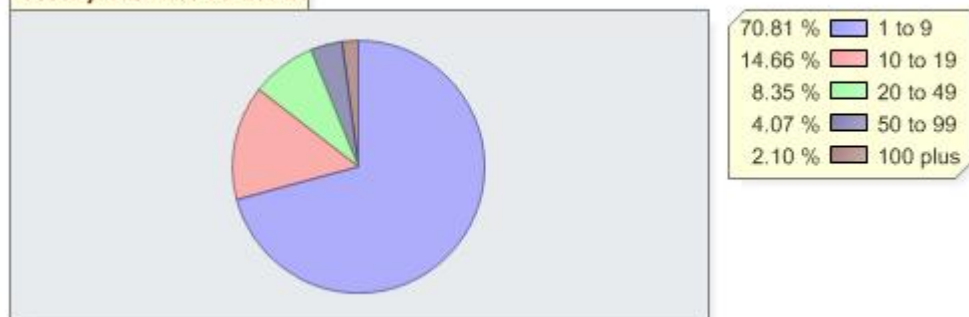
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	1,043	-15	-1.4%	70.8%
10-19 employees	216	-5	-2.3%	14.7%
20-49 employees	123	-21	-14.6%	8.4%

50-99 employees	60	11	22.4%	4.1%
100 plus employees	31	-4	-11.4%	2.1%
TOTAL	1,473	-34	-2.3%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

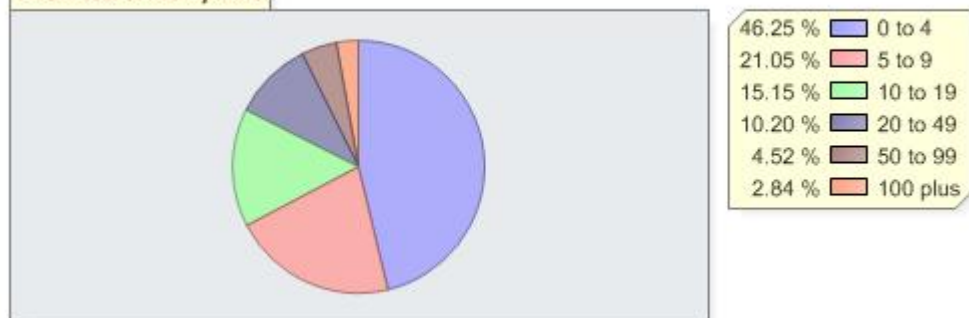


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	635	46.2%
5 to 9 employees	289	21.0%
10 to 19 employees	208	15.1%
20 to 49 employees	140	10.2%
50 to 99 employees	62	4.5%
100 plus employees	39	2.8%
TOTAL	1,373	100.0%

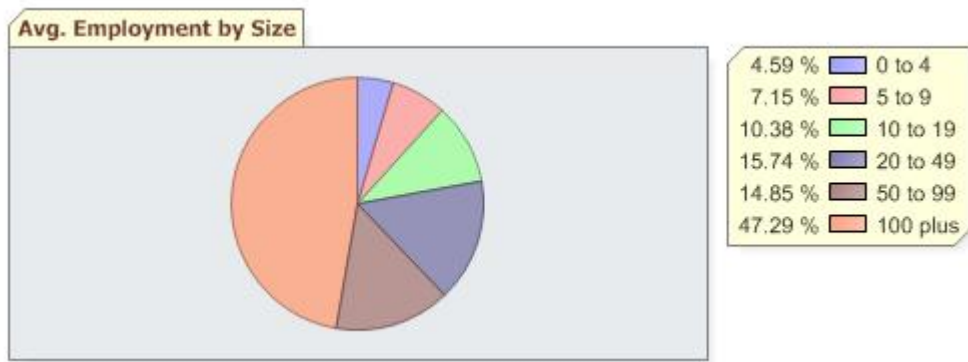
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	1,234	4.6%
5 to 9 employees	1,921	7.1%
10 to 19 employees	2,788	10.4%
20 to 49 employees	4,230	15.7%
50 to 99 employees	3,991	14.9%
100 plus employees	12,708	47.3%
TOTAL	26,872	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.